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SUBJECT: TWA INTEREST IN MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH EAST AFRICAN
AIRWAYS (EAA)

1. TWO REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS, STEWART LONG, RECENTLY
CONSULTED WITH EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS' EXECUTIVES
REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF TWA PROVIDING MANAGEMENT
SERVICES TO EAA UPON TERMINATION OF LATTER'S CONTRACT
WITH EASTER AIRLINES IN MID-1976.

2. IN CONTEXT OF U.S.-KENYA RELATIONS, EMBASSY PERCEIVES
NO POLITICAL OBJECTION TO TWA'S ENTERING INTO MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT WITH EAA AND, IN EFFECT, REPLACING EASTERN
AIRLINES IN SUCH POSITION. HOWEVER, WEPFEEL THAT EAA'S
TENUOUS FINANCIAL STATUS IN RECENT YEARS COULD POSE
SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR FUTURE VIABILITY OF REGIONAL AIR
SERVICES. PART OF EAA'S CASH-FLOW DIFFICULTIES STEMS
FROM RELUCTANCE OF MEMBER STATES IN EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY (TANZANIA AND UGANDA) TO REMIT AIRLINE EARNINGS
TO AIRLINE'S NAIROBI HEADQUARTERS.

3. SO LONG AS COMMERCIAL RISK DESCRIBED ABOVE IS
UNDERSTOOD, EMBASSY WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME INCREASED
ACTIVITY BY TWA IT KENYA.

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